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adopted as a part of the LB 1114 property tax limitations adjustments in local governments initiatives, and we created it, or asked you to create it for the express purpose of undertaking a number of initiatives to assist local governments in becoming more efficient while still remaining effective. They have done what we asked them to, but we never expected or anticipated that that would be an ongoing perpetual effort and we do...it is our recommendation to the rest of the Legislature that we bring that to a close; that that commission sunset and that it end its efforts as of December 31st...January 1st of the year 2001, I'm sorry, and that that is a sufficient extension to complete their work. Have had some discussions with the executive director. She's advised that the commission is working on recommendations to the next session of the Legislature in various areas; that if they're "sunsetting" they would have no opportunity to see their legislation through. I believe that they will be able to find sponsors for their legislation, that they will be able to testify as individuals, if individual commissioners wish to support an initiative, or others who are interested in the initiatives will come forward and give them their support. I don't think it's necessary for us to continue the life of a commission so we can have somebody lobby us.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. The...we will go to the next speaker. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, took you so long to get that out I was standing here in great suspense. Senator Wickersham, I had turned my light on and you said much more gently something that I had in mind to say, so I'm not going to say quite the same way what I intended to say. This operation has been in place...may I ask Senator Wickersham a question or two? Senator Wickersham, has this outfit been in place for four years?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: About that. I think we, if I recall correctly, it was created by statute in 1996. It took them a little bit to get up and going.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, thank you. Members of the Legislature, I've got on my desk a document handed around by Senator Adrian Smith and these people came up with an extra hundred thousand